

IN THE CLAIM:

1 - 6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A damping system comprising:

a roll with at least two partial areas running around the central axis of the roll, said partial areas being made of an ink-friendly material and at least one annular area made of an ink-repellent material, said annular area made of an ink-repellent material being arranged between

5 said at least two partial areas made of ink-friendly material;

an oscillator connected to said roll and moving said roll to and fro in an axial direction.

8 - 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A damping system in accordance with claim 7, further comprising:

said annular area extends uninterrupted in a circumferential direction of said roll.

13. (Previously Presented) A damping system in accordance with claim 7, further comprising:

a damping agent transfer roll in contact with said roll and transferring damping agent to said roll;

5 a damping agent applicator roll in contact with said roll and receiving damping agent

from said roll.

14. (Previously Presented) A damping system in accordance with claim 13, further comprising:

a plate cylinder receiving damping agent from said roll.